

Vicksburg Mississipi
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Dear Sir

So far as I can recollect I have no particular acquaintance in Austin, and I have concluded to ask a personal favor of you.

Some years ago, as agent for Reynolds, Clark, John F Smith and Robert R. Williams I obtained land warrants for 1280 acres each to Capt Clark & Smith & 640 acres for R.R. Williams. Then warrants I placed in the hands of Col M T Johnston for location.

The Col had them located & now informs me that the Court of Claims has suspended Clarks & Smiths warrants for want of proof that they entered the service of Texas for the war.

They served under Capt Pebbles, who raised a company at Petersburg Virginia, under Genl Mexican Hunt. They went to Texas & served under Col Rodgers & Genl Felix Huston, and were frequently subject to recall by the President Genls. Houston. They were not recalled into active service as the war was over, but held themselves ready to